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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK IN PARIS

1. LEAD STORIES JUNE 10 IN ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES AHJAM AND AKHBAR REPORT ON VP MUBARAK'S TALKS WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND OTHER FRENCH OFFICIALS IN PARIS JUNE 9. REPORTS EMPHASIZE THAT MUBARAK AND GISCARD MET WITHOUT ADVISORS AND THAT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH PM CHIRAC LASTED FOR FULL HOUR ALTHOUGH SCHEDULED TO BE "SHORT". PRESS REPORTS MUBARAK TELEPHONED PRESIDENT SADAT SAME EVENING TO REPORT ON MEETING AND NOTES THAT THIS IS MUBARAK'S SECOND CALL TO SADAT FROM PARIS.

2. MUBARAK NOTED FOLLOWING IN COMMENTS TO PRESS IN PARIS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL REPORTS:

A. PARIS TALKS. DISCUSSED GISCARD'S UPCOMING TRIP TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EGYPT, RESULTS OF SALZBURG SUMMIT AND BILATERAL MILITARY

AND CONOMIC ISSUES. MUBARAK ADDED THAT THERE ARE "NO PROBLEMS" WITH MIRAGE DEAL CONCLUDED DURING SADAT'S VISIT TO PARIS IN APRIL.

B. MIDDLE EAST PEACE. "WE ARE AWAITING REASSESSMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY IN THE MIDDLE EAST", WHICH HE SAID HE EXPECTS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER RABIN TALKS IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID EGYPT HAS NO SPECIFIC PREFERENCE FOR IMMEDIATE RECONVENING OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE OR CONTINUATION OF US TEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY. "THERE IS NO SPECIFIC OPTION; THE OPTIONS ARE ALL OPEN." MUBARAK COMMENTED THAT GOE STILL SUPPORTS EXPANSION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT FRANCE, AS MAJOR POWER, CAN PLAY ROLE IN CONFERENCE.

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COMMENT: THIS IS MUBARAK'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC SOLO OUTSIDE THE ARAB WORLD SINCE HIS INSTALLATION AS VICE PRESIDENT TWO MONTHS AGO. INTENSIVE TUTELAGE UNDER PRESIDENT SADAT DURING THIS PERIOD APPEARS TO HAVE BORNE SATISFACTORY RESULTS; SADAT NOW CONFIDENT ENOUGH OF HIS VP'S ABILITIES TO SEND HIM OFF FOR TETE-A-TETE WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT. PRESS NEVERTHELESS EMPHASIZES VP'S CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH SADAT BY NOTING HIS DAILY TELEPHONE CALLS TO CAIRO. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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